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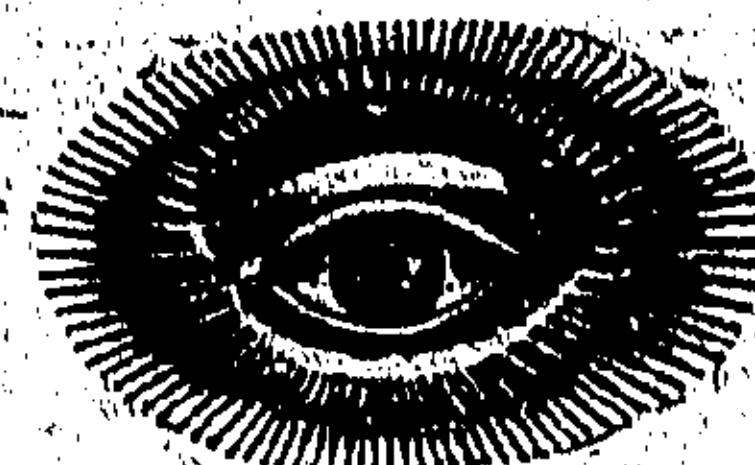
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HANKOW TERMS.

"Unsafe To Predict
Signature.

FACTORS IN THE SITUATION.

Rugby, Feb. 18.
Following last night's Cabinet
meeting on the Chinese situation,
instructions were despatched to
the British representative in
China indicating the lines on
which the Hankow negotiations
can be continued.

Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene
Chen have been engaged upon a
local agreement regarding the
future of the British Concession
at Hankow, but the past history
of the negotiations makes it un-
safe to predict that signature will
now take place.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, how-
ever, announced in the House of
Commons last week that the Brit-
ish Government was quite pre-
pared to sign the agreement, and
as Mr. Chen is reported as also
willing to sign, it is hoped that as
a result of renewed contact be-
tween Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Chen
the obstacles which a few days
ago appeared to stand in the way
of an agreement may be eliminat-
ed.—British Wireless Service.

HOPES IN LONDON.

The Beginning of a General
Settlement.

London, Feb. 18.
The Cabinet has sent Sir Miles
Lampson instructions for com-
munication to Mr. O. St. C.
O'Malley laying down the lines on
which negotiations with Mr.
Eugene Chen can continue.

It is pointed out that Sir
Austen Chamberlain announced
last week his readiness to author-
ise the signing of the agreement.

YANGTSE TROUBLE.

Anti-Foreign Agitation Still
Continues.

Rugby, Feb. 18.
Reports from the Yangtse
Valley indicate that anti-foreign
agitation is still being
continued, notably in Chungking,
Ichang and Chungsha.

It is not clear whether the
local Chinese authorities are un-
willing or able to exercise a
restraining influence.—British
Wireless Service.

It is therefore hoped that since
Mr. Chen is also reported as being
agreeable to sign, all obstacles
may be eliminated.
It is hoped that if the agree-
ment is signed it may be the be-
ginning of a general settlement.—
Reuter.

DIRECT TO SHANGHAI?

Rumour Regarding Thousand
Marines.

There were no naval wireless
messages to the local naval
authorities from the Yangtse last
night, bearing on the general
situation there.

It is presumed that the situa-
tion remains the same.
It is rumoured that the
"Minnesota" with the 1,000 mar-
ines aboard will proceed direct to
Shanghai and that the coming
troops will not be disembarked
here, this, it is stated, being due
to the rout of Sun Chuan-fang's
forces.

No confirmation of this can be
obtained and the difficulty is
pointed out in connection with the
disembarkation at Hong Kong
having been referred to as the
basis of a settlement of the Han-
kow British Concession agree-
ment.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

A Special Meeting of the
Cabinet.

London, Feb. 18.
A special meeting of the
Cabinet was held in the House of
Commons. The deliberations,
which lasted two hours, are
understood to have been wholly
concerned with the latest phases
of the situation in China.—
Reuter.

(Continued on Page 12.)

CHEKIANG DEBACLE.

S'hai Consuls Discuss
Position.

MARSHAL SUN ON THE "REDS."

Shanghai, Feb. 19.
Marshal Sun Chuan-fang re-
mains at Nanking in spite of the
Chekiang debacle.

Interviewed by a foreign cor-
respondent, Marshal Sun ex-
pressed approval of the presence
of the British expedition in
Shanghai.

"I know that an intensive anti-
British campaign and Bolshevik
agitation by Red agents under
Soviet direction, which cost for-
eigners serious discomforts and
heavy losses, has prompted this
troop movement.

"We are fighting forces whose
activities made the movement
essential. I have no reason to
fear anything for China from the
the expedition sent here in the
spirit in which Britain is sending
these units."

The consular body has held a
meeting to discuss the situation.
The results have not been dis-
closed.—Reuter.

NEXT OBJECTIVE.

A Wait Before Marching on
Shanghai?

Private and Chinese cables to
hand contradict the possibility of
the Northern "Allies" digging
trenches in the "buffer state" of
Sung-kiang to offer battle against
the Cantonese.

It is apparent that on retreat-
ing northwards from Hangchow
(i.e., in the direction of Shang-
hai), the Northerners called a halt
on the border between Kiangsu
and Chekiang provinces.

From appearances the North-
erners seem unable to offer resist-
ance but the presence of their
fairly large force may have the
effect of keeping the Cantonese
back for a while.

When War is Not War.
Military observers at the front
report that there was compara-
tively little fighting that led to
the fall of Hangchow city.

A corps hitherto on the North-
ern side was one of the first to
enter Hangchow under the Nation-
alist banner.

The next objective of the Can-
tonese, in the eyes of the obser-
vers, seems to be the Sung-kiang
prefecture (described as a buffer
state), where they will halt till
the way is further paved for
them. Sung-kiang is about 50
miles or so from Shanghai.

On Thursday most of the
Northern leaders left Hangchow
in special trains for Shanghai,
the commander-in-chief of Mar-
shal Sun's forces in the field (Gen-
eral Meng Chao-yueh) being one
of the first to go.

The last to retire was General
Chow Yen-jen, who fought the
rearguard action all the way
northwards from Poochow. He
went yesterday morning.

SOUTH'S ADVANCE.

Defeated Troops in
Shanghai.

Rugby, Feb. 18.
The newspapers report that
Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's forces
have evacuated Hangchow City
of 800,000 inhabitants 100 miles
south-west of Shanghai and that
the Cantonese National troops are
continuing their advance.

Refugees, wounded and strag-
glers from Sun's forces are ar-
riving in Shanghai, where local
opinion regards the presence of
the British and other foreign con-
tingents as a reassuring safe-
guard against disorder in the
International Settlement.—Brit-
ish Wireless Service.

EARLIER MESSAGE.

Southern Army Retakes
Ningpo.

Shanghai, Feb. 18.
The retreat of a large portion
of Sun Chuan-fang's army into
Kiangsu continues. This evening
4,000 retreating troops arrived
at Shanghai and are at present
at the main railway station which
Continued at foot of next column.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar,
on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

SHIPMENTS STOP.

Hong Kong's Trade With
Kongmoon.

SEQUEL TO FOKIS' STRIKE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Pakka, Kongmoon, Feb. 17.

Trade with Hong Kong in dried
sea products (Chinese delicacies)
is suspended on account of a
strike.

Employees of the rice mills and
of the dried meat shops at Sun-
cheong (an up-country port) struck
for better pay. Ship-
ments for the masters there were
held up by cordons of strikers.
The employers countered by hir-

FURNITURE DISPLACED.

Earthquake Shocks Felt in
France.

Caen, Feb. 18.
Earthquake shocks have been
felt at St. Malo, Cherbourg,
Granville and Caen.
The shocks at the last-named
place displaced furniture and
smashed ornament.—Reuter.

ing coolies of the Tung Tak Guild
at Kongmoon (general cargo
workers) but there were still
hopes of a settlement.

At the eleventh hour in the
negotiations, the strike spread to
Kongmoon city thereby causing
the break with Hong Kong ship-
ments.

10,000 Unemployed.
Over 10,000 labourers are re-
ported to have lost employment
in the Sze Yan districts since the
China New Year holidays.

After the settlement of the
strike last October, many a firm
made a brave show at continuing
transactions but the inevitable set
in.

Retrenchment is given as the
excuse for dismissal of these
10,000 workers but it is felt that
trade has suffered too much for
such a big number to be "carried."

VOTES QUERY.

A POSER FOR PRESIDENT
COOLIDGE.

FARM RELIEF BILL POINTS.

Washington, Feb. 18.
An interesting situation has
been created as a result of the
House of Representatives passing
the Farm Relief Bill which
caused the liveliest controversy.
The Bill was largely supported
by important agricultural inter-

BOUND FOR CHINA.

More British Warships On
The Way.

Port Said, Feb. 18.
The destroyers "Wanderer" and
"Wolverine" and the gunboats
"Aphis" and "Ladybird" have
arrived. They are going to
China to-night.—Reuter.

ests in the Middle West, but was
strongly opposed in the East.

President Coolidge and Mr.
Mellon, Secretary of the Treas-
ury, were known to disapprove
of the measure, but the question
arises whether President Coolidge
can afford to lose the farmers' vote
by vetoing the Bill in the
event of his intending to stand
for the Presidency next year.—
Reuter's American Service.

is on the border of the Interna-
tional Settlement.

Streams of refugees are also
arriving. For several miles to
the north east from Hangchow,
within which area it is estimated
there must still be 30,000 of Sun's
troops, the railway line is com-
pletely blocked.

There is still no telegraphic
communication with Hangchow
so that it is impossible to confirm
or deny the Nationalist state-
ments here to the effect that the
city was looted and partially
burned by the Northerners before
they left.

Ningpo has been captured by
the Southerners and Sun's troops
who evacuated the city by sea
have arrived in Shanghai.—
Reuter.

THE NEXT STEP.

Hint of a 3-Power Naval
Pact.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S PLANS.

Washington, Feb. 18.

President Coolidge is now con-
sidering the next move in con-
nection with his plan of naval dis-
armament.

He conferred yesterday with
the Secretary of State, Mr.
Kellogg, and naval and military
experts.

No statement was issued after
the conference, but well-informed
circles generally hold the opinion
that if France cannot be per-
suaded to participate in a
5-Power conference, and Italy
also declines, the President will
endeavour to induce Britain and
Japan to allow their representa-
tives at Geneva to discuss whe-
ther a 3-Power pact between them
and America is feasible with re-
gard to the limitation of warships
not covered by the Washington
treaty.—Reuter's American Ser-
vice.

PIRATE YARNS.

ONE-EYED WOMAN CHIEF
NOW DEAD.

SHOT FOR HER CRIMES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]
Pakka, Kongmoon, Feb. 17.

"One-eyed" Ying, the notorious
woman bandit, was put to death
by the local authorities just be-
fore China New Year.

With an appearance which
made her terrifying to all
who encountered her, this ugliest
of Amazons lived as an outlaw
for years until she was captured
by the Nationalist bandit-suppres-
sion troops last year.

She spent several months in
captivity until she was shot for
her crimes. In jail she often
boasted about the number of
men's hearts she ate to "give her
courage."

Not Giving "Cover."
Palm trees which previously
gave cover to river bandits at
Sam Kong Hau have been ordered
by the military authorities to be
cleared.

Pirates have in the past hidden
behind these trees and success-
fully "sniped" away at passing craft
until blackmail was extorted.

The cutting will be made to a
depth of 50 feet from the river-
side. The owners of the trees are
protesting against the loss they
will suffer by this decision.

COTTON INDUSTRY.

NEW ASSOCIATION'S SUCCESS
ASSURED.

London, Feb. 18.

At the first meeting of the new
Cotton Yarn Association at Man-
chester it was announced that the
total spindles in favour of the
formation of the association was
over 20,500,000, or 76.23 of the
trade.

The committee previously
stipulated 19,000,000 spindles as
the minimum on which to pro-
ceed.—Reuter.

TWENTY-FIVE STAB WOUNDS.

Twenty-five stab wounds, ap-
parently inflicted with a dagger,
were found on the body of a Chi-
nese man, aged about forty, picked
up on the Lyemun foreshore on
Thursday.

The body was in an advanced
state of decomposition. There was
no property nor any marks to iden-
tify the corpse on which a post
mortem has been performed.

The Police are satisfied that the
man must have been murdered.

A Memorial of Re-entry by the
Crown on New Kowloon Inland Lot
No. 674 has been registered accord-
ing to law.

It is notified that the name of
The Tai Tung Company, Limited,
has been struck off the Register of
Companies.

Orders in Council proclaiming
Hainan, Sourabaya, and Macasar
to be places at which an in-
fectious or contagious disease pre-
valled, have been rescinded.

STRIKES AT HOME.

The Use of Money From
Abroad.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

Rugby, Feb. 18.

The House of Commons to-day
debated a Bill prohibiting any
person or association from invit-
ing, accepting or using funds
from foreign sources to further or
maintain industrial disputes in
Great Britain.

The second reading of the Bill
was moved by Mr. R. Mitchell
Banks, K.C., (Conservative), who
mentioned the large sums which
had come to this country during
the coal dispute of last year.

He pointed out that the Home
Secretary himself had stopped
£1,000,000 sent from Moscow to
assist the general strike.

Sir William Joynson Hicks,
Home Secretary, announced that
the Bill would be left to the free
vote of the House, but he depre-
cated its adoption.

He pointed out that industrial
strikes were permitted by British
laws. Distinction must be made
between revolutionary and indus-
trial objects, between what was
illegal and what was legal.

He had prevented monies com-
ing in for purposes of the general
strike because the general strike
was illegal.

He asked whether if the House
passed the Bill it would not be
doing that which the Conserva-
tive Party had been accused of
doing and striking a blow at the
whole principle of trade unionism.

The Government was about to
bring in a Bill to deal with the
position of trade unions, and it
was admittedly a very difficult
Bill to bring in.

But the Government had con-
sistently stated that it was no

G. C. M. G.

Honour For Sir Francis
Aglen.

London, Feb. 18.

The "Gazette" announces that
the King has appointed Sir Fran-
cis Aglen a Knight Grand Cross
of the Most Distinguished Order
of St. Michael and St. George.—
Reuter.

Sir Francis Aglen was recently
dismissed by the Peking Gov-
ernment from his post of Inspec-
tor General of the Chinese
Maritime Customs, but later
granted a year's leave.]

enemy of trades unions, and in
the provisions of that Bill they
would only seek to improve the
position of trade unionists, and
no attack whatever would be made
on the principles of trade union-
ism.

The Government could deal
with illegal strikes and with the
Russian menace whenever it be-
came necessary.

The Bill was rejected by 183
votes against 75. The Home
Secretary voted, for rejection.—
British Wireless Service.

Home Secretary's Powers.

London, Feb. 18.
The House of Commons by 183
to 75 votes rejected a motion
passing the second reading of a
private member's Bill prohibiting,
under penalty, any person or as-
sociation inviting, accepting or
using funds from abroad for the
furtherance of an industrial dis-
pute.

The measure, which was intro-
duced by the Conservative Mr. R.
Mitchell Banks, K.C., and support-
ed by some other Conservatives,
was the outcome of the despatch
of substantial remittances from
Russia during the coal dispute for
the strikes.

The Government did not put
the whips on, but did not favour
the Bill which it considered to be
very difficult to administer.

The Home Secretary said that
he had all the necessary powers
for acting in times of peril, like
an illegal general strike, but the
coal strike was legal in character.

He recognised the justice of the
Labour submission that the Bill
cut at the right of trade unionists
to strike in an industrial dispute.

The Government would not
shrink at the right time in ask-
ing for powers to deal with the
Russian menace with regard to
Communism in our midst.—
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NAVAL NOTES.

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PERCENTAGE OF CRUISERS.

Of the 81 cruisers now maintained in full commission in the Royal Navy, 13, or 42 per cent, are with the China Squadron.

On Jan. 26 there were only eight cruisers on the China Station, of which five were on the Yangtze. The dispatch of the First Cruiser Squadron left five in the Mediterranean, six in the Atlantic, four in North America, two in Africa, and one in the East Indies.

Crews for the river gunboats "Aphis" and "Ladybird" (now en route to China) were sent out from Home. To Malta by the depot-ship "Cyclops," accompanying the 1st Submarine Flotilla.

To Stay or Return? These gunboats are being escorted by the destroyers "Wanderer" (Comdr. L. H. K. Hamilton, D.S.O.) and "Wolverine" (Lt. Comdr. M. S. Spalding, D.S.C.) hitherto in reserve at Malta.

If conditions permit, these destroyers will relieve H.M.S. "Wolverine" and "Woolston," which will then return to Malta, but it will be quite possible for them to be retained in China in case of need, when they will form two useful ships to add to the total at the disposal of the Admiral.

As from Jan. 17 Captain R. V. Holt, D.S.O., M.V.O., took over the command of the Sixth Destroyer Flotilla, Atlantic Fleet. Captain Holt was hitherto in the Eighth Flotilla, the force now coming to China, and Captain M. R. J. Maxwell-Scott, D.S.O., who has had command of the gunboats in the West River, has relieved him on board the "Bruce."

Change at Shanghai. With effect from Jan. 14, a change was made in the post of resident naval officer in Shanghai. For two years it has been held by Pay Comdr. J. M. L. Cusack. He is to be succeeded by Pay Comdr. C. H. Thomson, O.B.E., late of the aircraft carrier "Eagle," and formerly a squadron leader in the Royal Air Force. Pay Comdr. Thomson was secretary at the Admiralty to Rear-Admiral C. L. Vaughan-Lee when Director of Air Services during the war, and afterwards had considerable service with R.N.A.S. units.

Colonel of the R.M.'s. The battalion of Royal Marines (1,000 strong) which sailed from Portsmouth for China on Jan. 21 on the "Minnesota" is commanded by Lt. Col. George Carpenter, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.M., who has been in Hong Kong before.

Lt. Col. George Carpenter has of late been serving at the Royal Marine Depot at Deal. He recently completed 30 years' service with the corps. He was awarded the D.S.C. for services during landing operations in the Persian Gulf in 1915. Colonel Carpenter has seen service in China, from 1905 to 1907 he was musketry instructor at Hong Kong.

The Union-Castle Line "Kildonan Castle" (Jan. 26) and "Kilfauns Castle" (Jan. 29) which left Southampton on dates stated with troops for China are sister-ships of 10,000 tons each. They were out of commission and occupied idle berths for some time but were speedily converted into troopships.

COURT'S FINDING.

THE GROUNDING OF A B. I. VESSEL.

"RECKLESS NAVIGATION."

Calcutta, Jan. 29.

Reckless navigation and lack of a proper watch on the bridge by the ship's staff are among the findings of the Court of Inquiry held in connection with the grounding of the steamer "Orma," of the B.I.S.N. Company, on the Diamond Sands on August 16 while under the pilotage of J.C.P. Rawlings, the senior master pilot.

The President of the Court, which sat in October, was Mr. J. D. Tyson, chief Presidency Magistrate, and the members were Mr. Smyth, branch pilot, and Captain W. C. Tyres, of the steamer "Macharda."

The Court added that in view of what had taken place it thought that the lighting of the edge of the Diamond Sands was a point which merited further consideration.

U. S. GUNBOATS.

Work on Six at Shanghai Delayed.

London, Jan. 20.

Officials of the U.S. Navy Department report considerable delay in the construction of six river gunboats which are being built for the American Navy by the Kiangnan Dock at Shanghai. Doubt is expressed whether owing to the present crisis, the boats will now be completed—China Express & Telegraph.

CLYDE BUILT MOTOR-SHIPS.

Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Co. (Limited), of Whiteinch and Scotstoun West, are to build for the Ellerman Lines (Limited), Liverpool, a cargo vessel, which is to be propelled by a four-cylinder engine of the Doxford, opposed piston type. The same firm are to build another Doxford-engined vessel, in addition to a motor-ship which they have under construction for Norwegian owners.

The motor-ship which the Greenock Dockyard Co. (Limited) are to build for Clan Line Steamers (Limited), of Glasgow and London, will be about 445ft. in length and of about 10,000 tons deadweight. The propelling machinery will consist of one double acting, four-cycle, eight-cylinder engine of the Burmeister and Wain type, supplied by Messrs. John G. Kincaid and Co. (Limited), Greenock, and will be the first of the double-acting type by this firm. The vessel, which will be the first motor-ship owned by the Clan Line, will have a maximum loaded speed of 13½ knots.

AMERICAN MERGER.

DEVELOPING THE COASTING SERVICES.

Despite denials to the contrary the possibility of a merger of the International Mercantile Marine Company and the Atlantic Gulf and West Indies Steamship Lines continues to be a subject of discussion in financial and steamship circles in New York.

It was pointed out recently that the trend of thought at Washington appears to be in opposition to Government aid to privately-owned steamship lines and in favour of continuance of Government ownership. With this condition in view, it was added, it would be natural for the International Mercantile Marine to direct its attention to the protected coastwise and inter-coastal trade, where there are almost unlimited possibilities of development without any troublesome foreign competition.

While it is taken for granted that a merger such as has been suggested would be a matter of prolonged negotiation, the fact is emphasized, states the New York "Journal of Commerce," that absorption of the A.G.W.I. would be one of the best avenues for expansion by the I.M.M. under the American flag, which is known to be a cherished ambition of Mr. F. S. Franklin, the president of the I.M.M. The combined companies would have a fleet of a hundred vessels, with a gross tonnage of 690,000, including 38 vessels of the A.G.W.I. fleet and 13 I.M.M. vessels. The latter fleet is to be supplemented by two 22,000-ton, 18-knot turbo-electric steamers to be built for the Panama Pacific Line of the I.M.M. One of these is now under construction at Newport News. The suggestion of the merger of the two companies is predicated on the disposal by the I.M.M. of its remaining foreign flag holdings, which include the Leyland and Red Star lines. Disposal of these lines is looked for in the near future as a result of the desire of the Morgan interests to withdraw from their present shipping investments.

It has been hinted that in the event of disposal of its foreign flag tonnage the I.M.M. would be welcomed as a bidder for either purchase or allocation of Shipping Board tonnage or services, even though the company should continue to act as agents, because the extensive agency system it has built up would be a valuable aid in the handling of bookings, assuming, of course, that there should be no competition between the American and foreign flag services under the joint management.

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KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMEA	8,018	12th March	Kobe
DEVANHA	8,156	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	8,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	7,448	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,115	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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AN INCREASE IN TONNAGE
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OTHER NATIONS' FIGURES.

There is a brighter outlook in the shipbuilding industry, for though the tonnage under construction in Great Britain and Ireland for the quarter ended December 31, according to Lloyd's Register, Shipbuilding Returns, was the lowest recorded since June, 1909, there was a large increase in the tonnage commenced during the quarter, observes the "Manchester Guardian." The tonnage under construction during the quarter was 780,084 tons, which was 14,713 tons less than at the end of September, 1926, about 125,000 tons less than the tonnage building twelve months ago. The tonnage on which work was suspended at the end of December, 1926, amounted to 59,468 tons, which was about 2,000 tons more than at the end of December, 1925. The present totals are 1,130,000 tons below the average tonnage building during the twelve months immediately preceding the war.

A large increase was shown in the tonnage commenced during the quarter—namely, 152,404 tons, as compared with 68,327 tons during the third quarter of 1923. The tonnage launched during the present quarter—67,853 tons—showed the enormous reduction of 139,838 tons as compared with the figures for the previous three months.

The total merchant tonnage building in other countries—1,172,943 tons—was about 97,000 tons more than at the end of September, 1925. The tonnage under construction abroad exceeded by no less than 412,859 tons the tonnage building in Great Britain and Ireland. The figures for the leading countries abroad were: Italy, 239,776 tons; Germany, 211,062 tons; United States, 151,635 tons; Holland, 145,005 tons; and France, 143,068 tons.

World's Construction Figures.

The total world tonnage under construction—1,933,027 tons—showed an increase of about \$2,000 tons as compared with the previous quarter, and was 1,513,531 tons below the highest pre-war record reached on June 30, 1913, viz., 3,446,558 tons. There are at the present time under construction in the world 22 vessels of between 10,000 and 20,000 tons each, and 12 of 20,000 tons and upwards. Ten out of 22 and four of the larger vessels are building in Great Britain and Ireland.

The tonnage of vessels now building in the world which are to be fitted with internal combustion engines amounts to 905,675 tons, while the tonnage of steam vessels under construction is 1,065,224 tons. The motor tonnage is thus 90 per cent. of the steam tonnage showing the remarkable development which is taking place in the adoption of this system of propulsion. The tonnage of motor-ships building at the end of December in Great Britain and Ireland—263,900 tons—amounts to 53 1/2 per cent. of the steam tonnage under construction.

Lost Time in Shipyards. It is understood that in the English districts beneficial results are being experienced in shipyards and ship-repairing establishments following on the posting of notices calling attention to the time lost by unpunctuality at starting time and by men ceasing work before the proper time for stopping. The notice, it will be remembered, drew attention to one recommendation of the Joint Inquiry Court of employers' and workmen's representatives, in regard to conditions in the shipbuilding

industry, and pointed out that when the 47 hours' week was conceded a distinct pledge was given by the trade unions that their members would give 47 hours' actual work.

Motor-ships for South American Trade.

It is reported that the five new passenger and cargo vessels, of 15,000 tons each, to be built for the existing service of the Nelson Line between London and South America, are to be motor-vessels. In view, especially, of the belief expressed in the recent presidential address of Lord Kylsant, the chairman, at the Institute of Marine Engineers, the decision is hardly surprising. The vessels are to be built by Harland and Wolff, who recently contracted for nine motor cargo vessels for the King Line, and seem likely to have a considerable amount of work in hand in the early future.

Brighter Clyde Prospects.

Note of hopefulness as to the outlook for trade and industry was struck by Sir William Raeburn, chairman of the Clyde Navigation Trust, at a meeting of the trustees held in Glasgow. They had passed through a fairly bad year, he said, but all the signs were in favour of 1927 being a good year. They were beginning auspiciously. The freight market was better than it had been for a long time and vessels were able to make a little money. A good deal of new tonnage had been ordered, and Clyde shipbuilders would begin this year better than many previous years. The first launch on the Clyde for the year 1927 took place recently, when Messrs. Robert Duncan and Co. (Ltd.), Port Glasgow, put into the water the cargo steamer Reynolda, which they have built for Messrs. Glover Brothers, London. The vessel, which is a sister ship to the Shakespeare, launched by the same firm for the same owners in October last, is of about 9,000 tons deadweight and 5,210 tons gross. Triple-expansion reciprocating steam engines of about 3,000 h.p. will be supplied by Messrs. David Rowan and Co. (Limited), Glasgow.

German Shipbuilding Revival. At the beginning of 1926 the German shipbuilding industry was in a very depressed state. The orders in hand at the end of 1925 amounted to only 235,000 gross tons, or about 18 per cent. of the orders booked at the end of 1913. Conditions became more favourable later, the British strike assisting in the revival, as it caused a rise in freights, and it also brought repairing contracts to German yards. The most important factor, however, was the revival of competition between the Hapag and North German Lloyd, as it has been the cause of important orders. The former has recently placed with several yards contracts for five motor-ships (of 9,200 to 10,000 tons), while the North German Lloyd has arranged for the construction of two giant liners (of 46,000 tons each), of which one has gone to Blohm and Voss, Hamburg, and the other to the new combine. Smaller lines also have come into the market for new vessels, and some orders have come in from Scandinavia, Spain, and Brazil. At the end of 1926 the orders in hand amounted to 450,000 tons, an increase of about 90 per cent. on the previous year's total, and 10 per cent. better than the tonnage on order at the end of 1924.

A report on the number of passengers that travelled on steamers between Free State and British ports for nine months of last year shows a serious decline as compared with a year ago. The total from the Free State was 265,378 against 295,526, being a decline of 23,148. The number from British ports was 243,956, showing a decrease of 33,414.

LAST OF "LUTINE."

MISSING BUOY NOT TO BE REPLACED.

The Hague, Jan. 15. On October 9, 1909, the British mercantile sailing boat "Lutine," carrying a large quantity of gold, was wrecked off the Dutch coast, west of the island Terschelling. Its treasures, hidden at the bottom of the sea, attracted much attention in after years, for it was rumoured that no less than \$600,000 was on board.

From time to time efforts at salvage were made, and during the nineteenth century some \$100,000 was brought to the surface. Many other objects, interesting from an historical standpoint, were recaptured, including the ship's bell, which is still rung at Lloyd's whenever a ship is reported "missing."

Now the Dutch authorities intimate that the buoy by which the situation of the wreck was indicated has disappeared, and will not be replaced.

NAVY'S NEED OF MUSIC.

Admiral of the Fleet Earl Jellicoe presented prizes to boys of the Newport Market Army Training School. After a picturesque and eminently useful career in London, the school is to be transferred in March from the crowded surroundings of Green-coat Place, near Vauxhall Bridge Road, to Darrick Wood, near Orpington. Two men who were afterwards Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury and Mr. Gladstone, attended the inaugural meeting of the school. By careful management of its not too plentiful assets the committee will be able to clear all the expenses of the transfer to the country if the public provide a sum of £2,000.

Lieut. Colonel Sir Archibald Weigall, who presided at the prize-giving, mentioned that the number of good-conduct badges gained in the past twelve months was the highest in the history of the school. The president, the Duke of Connaught, had sent a message congratulating the school upon its excellent annual report.

Earl Jellicoe, having presented the prizes, commended the boys on the smartness of the parade and on the decision to transfer the school to the country. There were, he said, 2,000 boys from the school who had joined the Army, principally as bandmen. He wished the Navy had such an establishment for training young musicians.

FAR EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended February 12 reads:-

Plague: 2 cases at Bombay, 4 at Rangoon; 1 at Colombo, 4 at Sourabaya.

Cholera: 3 cases at Negapatam, 8 at Rangoon, 1 at Singapore, 7 at Bangkok.

Small-pox: 38 cases at Bombay, 153 at Calcutta, 1 at Karachi, 33 at Madras, 2 at Rangoon, 1 at Saigon, 12 at Vladivostok.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port to-day, p.m. and is due here to-morrow, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m., left that port at 5 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Feb. 24.

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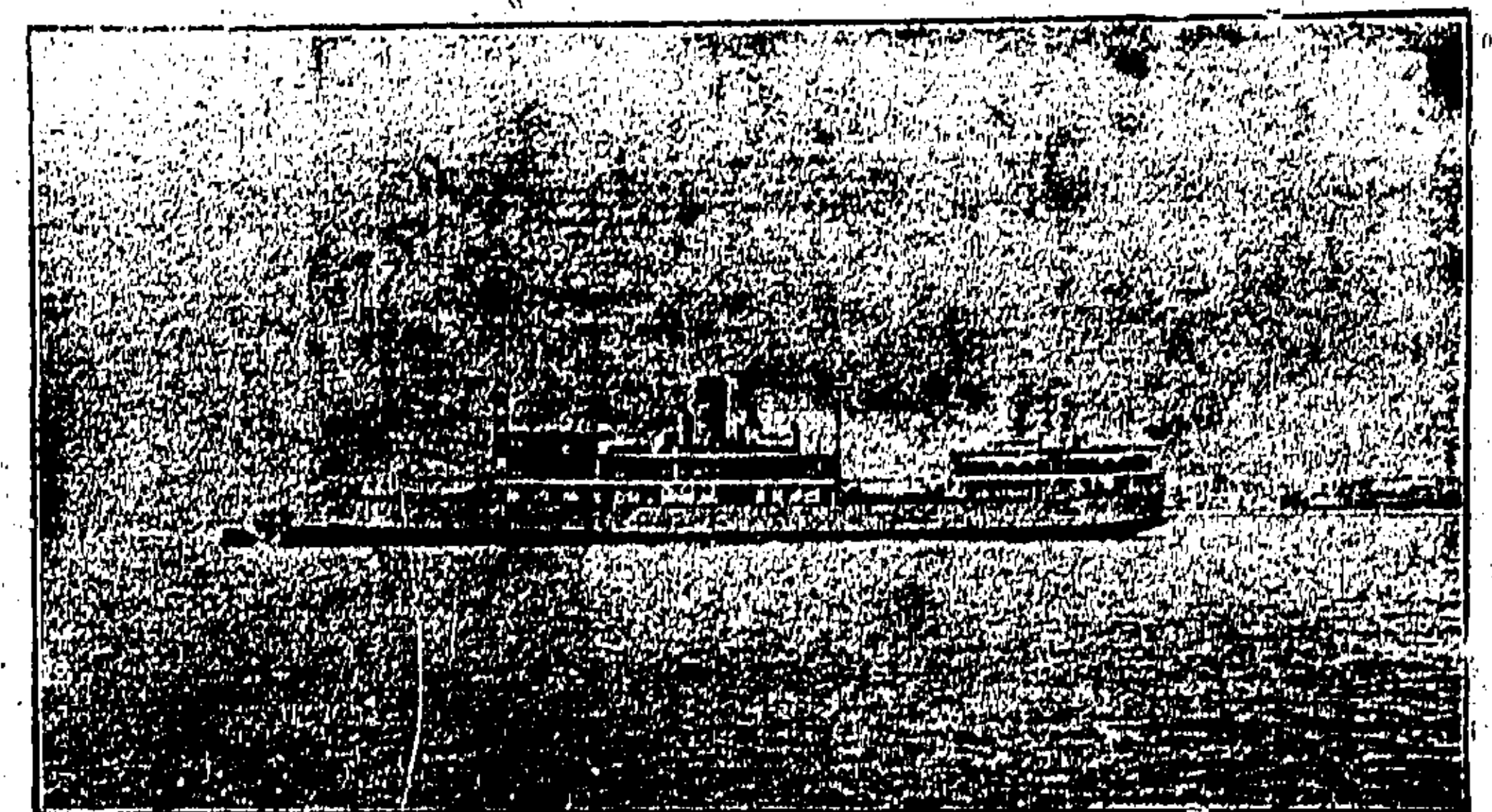
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Strand, W.C.2.**BIRTH.**FRASER.—On February 12, 1927,
at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. B.
Fraser, a son.**DEATHS.**DA ROCHA.—Isaids Francisco at
his residence, 2, Mosque Street,
to-day 10 a.m.
Funeral will pass the Monu-
ment at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow
Sunday.SCOTT.—On February 13, 1927, at
Shanghai, Charles Perry Scott,
Bishop in North-China 1880-
1913, aged 79 years.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Feb. 19, 1927.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Is the "road" to Shanghai now
open to the victorious Southern
forces? That is the question
arising out of the news of the
capture of Hangchow and the
right of Sun Chuan-fang's forces.
The answer, put briefly, is "partly,
but not quite." The capture
of Hangchow means that the
Southerners have won yet another
province, viz. that of Che-
kiang. Sun is retreating north-
wards to his headquarters at
Nanking and has still Kiangsu as
a buffer state between the Can-
tonese and the "Chang Tso-
linites," the "Fengtienites," the
"Mukdenites" or whatever other
name the present Peking party
is known by. Whether or
not Sun's forces are sufficiently
organised to make a stand there
it is impossible to state in the
absence of detailed information, but
the presence at different points on
the Shanghai-Fungkiang railway
of some 10,000 of his troops seems
to indicate that no further stand
will be made in Chekiang. On
the issue in Kiangsu, if the South-
erners push on, depends whether
or not the Southern forces
will be in a position to

advance on Shanghai. On
it also depends whether or not
the Southern forces will engage
against the most formidable
power that they have to contend
with if they would subjugate the
most important provinces—that
of Chang Tso-lin. In the mean-
time, the Southerners have added
to the territory under the Nation-
alist administration bringing the
number of provinces they control
to seven—out of the twenty-one
which count in China.

In the backwoods and in coun-
tries characterised by an absence
of efficient judicial systems one
occasionally hears of attempts to
intimidate officers in whom
powers of justice, however slack-
ly administered, are vested. That
the economic "weapon" of the
threat of a strike in Hong Kong
has been proved useless and harm-
ful to its "wielders" has been
proved in the course of events
here over a year ago. But this
does not mitigate the gravity of
the attempt made by a Labour
Union official in Hong Kong to in-
fluence the course of justice in
respect of men charged with the
possession of seditious literature.
Neither would a threat, however
groundless in possibility, how-
ever harmless to the representa-
tive of the Government chosen
for "attack," or however harmful
to the misguided would-be users,
influence in the slightest a Brit-
ish officer of justice. The "gross
impropriety" of such a procedure
has already been pointed out to
the party involved by the magis-
trate who was the recipient of
what he termed a "threatening
letter." It is to be hoped that
this will be sufficient to convince
any who regard lightly the ad-
ministration of true justice of the
futility of such attempts. It only
remains to add that it is some-
what unfortunate that at a time
when a struggling nation is bat-
tling for recognition of its claims
to be efficiently administered, an
unruly section of its nationals
should have adopted a glaring
example of such archaic methods
in relation to a neighbouring
government which provides an
outstanding example in its strict-
ly administered and impartial
laws for the good of the people.

"Mudford" has faded away in
a blaze of glory, shortly to be re-
placed by matters of less mythical
importance concerning the in-
terests of the peninsula, viz. those to be dealt
with at the annual meeting of the
Kowloon Residents' Association.
It has been suggested in the
columns of a contemporary

more by inference—that the en-
ergies of the youth of Kowloon
would be better devoted to the
grappling of the actual problems
facing the peninsula than with
figments of the imagination. But
youthful orators must first have
a training ground and it is better
for them—and infinitely more en-
tertaining for the audience—that
such a training ground should
provide them with the opportu-
nity of introducing humour, even
at the expense of the "unbeliev-
able" nature of the subjects dis-
cussed. With the experience
gained during the past two weeks
and with their development into
maturity the speakers will be in
a better position to appreciate
the possibilities of public speak-
ing on less imaginative lines. In
the meantime, they rest on their
laurels, secure in the knowledge
that they have provided Kowloon
with an entertainment and a re-
velation such as will seldom be
their lot again. It is significant
that the present President and ex-
President of the Kowloon Resi-
dents' Association were present
at the "Mudford" meeting on
Thursday night, maybe with a
view to the introduction of new
blood into the Association. Future
upholders of the interests
of Kowloon have probably been
marked down with a view to
office at a later stage. Suffice it
to say that if they throw them-
selves into this cause with the
enthusiasm and zeal with which
they have done in the case of
"Mudford," it will not be long be-
fore even the Government awakes
to the civic spirit of Kowloon and
the need of the peninsula for re-
presentation on the Legislative
Council.

CORRESPONDENCE.**PUBLIC HEALTH.**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir.—There are two points in
H.E. the Governor's speech at the
British Medical Association din-
ner on which a few comments
may be permitted.

About twenty years ago, Sir
Matthew Nathan, the then Gov-
ernor, realised the importance of
teaching hygiene in the local
schools and, to stimulate interest
in the subject, offered prizes com-
peted for annually by all the boys
and girls of the Colony. During
his tenure of office, this subject
was compulsory in the curriculum
of the schools. For reasons which
I have no means to ascertain,
this subject was dropped and no-
thing further was heard of it. As
a product of Queen's College, I can
testify to the usefulness of the
knowledge of hygiene I obtained
while in school. The undertaking
of His Excellency to "revive"
this subject is gratifying and I
venture to suggest that it be made
compulsory in certain classes for
some years to come. To my
mind, the possibility of future in-
terference with its continuance in
the school curriculum should en-
gage the attention of the Gov-
ernor.

I am also in agreement with
His Excellency in his opinion that
co-operation with the Chinese
community is necessary to the at-
tainment of better public health
and that propaganda is neces-
sary. In the streets of Hong
Kong, I see Shanghai-imported
posters in Chinese comparing the
"maloo" to a tiger's mouth and
that one must not walk in the
centre of the "maloo." The sight
of this poster reminds me of an-
other posted gratis in the Shang-
hai trams, the gist of which
is that tuberculosis is the arch-
enemy of men and that spitting
in public places is responsible for
the spread of this disease. The
Chinese Medical Association is
also a live organisation and must
be alive to the value of propa-
ganda. It is my opinion that
should the doctors in our midst
take the lead in launching an
Association for the Prevention of
Tuberculosis, many laymen will
be pleased to co-operate, thereby
attaining another step towards
better public health.

Yours, etc.,

RESIDENT.

Hong Kong, Feb. 18.

ARMED ROBBERY COURT.

Five Chinese have been arrested
by the Yunnat District Police and
charged with attempted robbery
and assault. Six men entered No.
12, Hau-pu-lung village, (near
Kowloon City) on Thursday and
seized the inmates but the alarm
was raised and they fled. An In-
dian constable arrested one man at
the time and all six are alleged to
have been implicated.

BANK NOTE CASE.**Privy Council Appeal**
Application.**LARGE AMOUNT INVOLVED.**

The application at the Full
Court yesterday of Mr. Eldon
Potter, K.C., for the Hong Kong
and Shanghai Banking Corpora-
tion for leave to appeal to the
Privy Council against the deci-
sion of the Puisse Judge that the
Bank was liable to pay out on a
note from which the numbers and
date were missing, was granted
by the acting Chief Justice (Mr.
Justice J. R. Wood) and the ac-
ting Puisse Judge, Mr. J. H. B.
Nihill.

Mr. Potter emphasised the im-
portance of the case. It really
was the most important that had
ever come before the Court, he
thought, as it affected the bank-
note issue of the Colony. The
judgment affected the public to
an alarming extent as it involved
the means of prevention of theft
and of protecting the public
against theft.

Taking the effect of the judg-
ment as it now stood, Mr. Potter
gave an illustration of what
might happen.

Protecting the Public.
Supposing he had a banknote
numbered 123 which was stolen.
He could go to the bank and stop
payment on that note. There was
a very good chance then that he
would recover the money. On
the judgment as it stood at the
moment, the number could be
rubbed out so long as the meaning
was not altered and if it was
merely erased payment could be
obtained.

The bank must actually pay on
the note although the number had
been eliminated. It was the num-
ber which enabled the bank to
stop payment. Notes which
could be put into the same cate-
gory as the one involved were re-
ceived at the Bank at the rate of
about one a week. The principle
was so far reaching as to be of
such tremendous importance that
the case fell in the principle of
appeal on the grounds of impor-
tance. It was one which should
go to the highest tribunal.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (for the
defence) said that the particular
circumstances which had arisen
in the case were unlikely to ever
occur again, and submitted that it
was not a case of general public
importance. It was a question
purely between the bank and the
woman who had the note in the
first place.

Numbers All Over.
He suggested that the bank
could print notes with numbers all
round. Of course they could all
be erased. On the other hand the
numbers could be watermarked
through the notes.

On the grounds that the ques-
tion involved the relations be-
tween the Bank and the holders
of every note and the principle
was an important one which
should go to the highest tribunal,
the appeal was granted.

CAN ONE WONDER?**WIFE DESERTION CLAIM THAT**
FAILED.

The following reasons for his
leaving home were given by a farm
labourer summoned at Williton,
Somersetshire, for wife desertion:
His wife often locked him out.
Sometimes threw a bucket of
water on his bed so that he could
not sleep in it.
Hid the food, and nearly every
morning he had to go to work with
dry bread and water.
Once soaked his bread in paraffin.
Sometimes drove him from the
house with a poker and brush.
Did everything he could for
spite.
He had not had a clean pair of
socks or a clean shirt for weeks.
Handed over all his money—32s.
a week—and then she was not
satisfied.
The woman denied these state-
ments, but after the man's employer
had given evidence the bench dis-
missed the case and ordered the
wife to pay costs.

FOX'S CHARMED LIFE**FOURTH ESCAPE FROM**
HOUNDS.

The Essex Foxhounds had a fine
hunt in the Rodings, a stretch of
well-known hunting country be-
tween Dunmow and Chelmsford.
The meet was at Collins Farm,
where a vixen fox, which had
afforded some very good runs on
previous occasions, was started.
The vixen jumped out of a plan-
tation adjoining the farm buildings
and leaped over the heads of several
of the waiting hounds. She ran a
six-miles course round High Easter,
and then headed straight back to
Collins Farm, where she darted into
her earth hole and escaped.
This vixen, which is more than
4 years old, has lived in the plan-
tation all her life, and reared nine
cubs there last season. She is well
known among people living in the
district, and at four meet of the
Essex Hounds in four successive
years she has provided the chase
and got away on each occasion.

\$10,000 FOR \$1,000?**CANTON BANK SHROFF'S**
CLAIM.**AN OBLIGING COUSIN.**

After further evidence, there
was another adjournment in the
Magisterial proceedings yester-
day of the case in which a Chin-
ese is charged in respect of a
cheque for \$1,000 against which
he is alleged to have drawn \$10-
000.

Mr. M. M. Watson represented the
complainant, a shroff, in the
Bank of Canton, and Mr. C. G.
Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by
Mr. M. K. Lo) represented the
defendant.

Evidence centred round a mas-
ter of a Chinese druggist shop
who was a cousin of the defend-
ant. This witness stated that he
had lent his cousin \$9,000 on the
day in question. Asked why, be-
fore he knew of the arrest of his
cousin, he had stated in answer
to the Police that he had not lent
his cousin the money, witness re-
plied that he had lent his cousin
\$19,000 in three sums and could
not remember exactly when the
loans were made.

Further evidence regarding the
cash in the plaintiff's till was
given after which counsel for the
defence addressed the court and
pointed out that if this excess
sum had been received the cheque
and the surplus amount would
have passed through the hands of
three people in the Bank who
would have had the opportunity
of observing the mistake.

The case will come up again at
11.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

LEAKING PARAPETS.**WERE PLAINTIFFS FULLY**
INFORMED?**JUDGMENT RESERVED.**

At the conclusion of final legal
argument yesterday in the Sum-
mary Court, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill
(acting Puisse Judge) reserved
judgment in the case in which the
Texas Company sue Mr. A. J.
Lane for the value of two coats-
ings of "Texacoat" put on the
roof of a house in regard to
alterations of which he was the
architect. Mr. Vaux was for the
defence and Mr. Armstrong for
the plaintiffs.

For the defence, it was stated
that when the guarantee had been
given by the plaintiff firm to
make a "thoroughly satisfactory
job of it" nothing as to the roof
or parapets had been hidden
from them. Mr. Lane had never
used "Texacoat" before and he
was justified in holding that the
contract had not been fulfilled.

For the plaintiffs it was held
that certain material particulars
had been withheld in regard to
the roofs and parapets. Defendant
had written to the Texas Co.
stating that water was not com-
ing through in so great a quantity
and apparently he had found that
"Texacoat" was of some benefit.
Mr. Armstrong submitted that
plaintiffs were entitled to recover
on the work already done.
Judgment was reserved.

EXAM. RESULTS.**SHORTHAND AT ITALIAN**
CONVENT.

Results of Fitman's shorthand
examinations, held last term at the
Italian Convent, have arrived and
are as follow:—
Speed (100 words a minute):—
Misses Carlina Ribeiro, Celeste
Gill, Marilde Pereira, Albertina
Garcia, Maria Ozeiro Lopes, Kimy
Barreto, Olga Remedios.
Speed (80 words a minute):—
Misses Betty Baker, Esther
Carvalho, Zena Lihovetsky, Agnes
Dillon.
Speed (60 words a minute):—
Misses Winnie Lo, Doris Dillon,
Christina Allison, Lily Williams,
Nellie Chenallo, Winifred Kew,
Nettie Thornburn, Eileen Donald,
Molly Franco.
Theory:—Misses Astril Larsen,
Mary Oliver, Winifred Low, Jeanne
Baker, Emilia Carvalho, Lily
Williams, Winifred Kew, Nellie
Chenallo, Eileen Donald, Nettie
Thornburn.

CROWN COLONIES.**CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS**
AT HOME.

London, Feb. 18.
The "Daily Telegraph" says
that during the presence in Lon-
don this summer of a number of
Colonial Governors, a formal con-
ference at the Colonial Office for
the discussion of various ques-
tions affecting the Crown Col-
onies will be held. A proposal for
holding the conference of the
Colonial Governors was made
officially in the year following the
special conference which will be
discussed. British Wireless Ser-
vice.

EXIT "MA."

END OF A THREE YEARS' FARCE.

SHOWER OF PARDONS.

"Ma" Ferguson, Governor of Texas, goes out of office after a riotous term, writes a special correspondent of the "Sunday Observer" (London). She was the first woman to be elected Governor of an American State, and no one would say that she has not given Texas and the American Press value for their money. For two years she has been an unflinching fount of diverting news.



MA FERGUSON.

copy, and she returns to private life in the glory of having scattered pardons by the thousand among the ranks of convicted criminals. The story of "Ma" Ferguson is the wildest farce of recent American politics.

She won the Governorship of Texas in 1924 after a roiling battle with the Ku Klux Klan, which was then in the flush of its power in the South and South-West.

Mrs. Ferguson was not a political woman. She had been, as she said, a housewife for thirty years and nothing more, and she "hadn't a thing but common sense." But she had a husband, known throughout the State as "Farmer Jim," and he knew what he wanted. Elected Governor ten years ago, he had been impeached for the maladministration of public funds and dethroned. He was determined to get back, but was stopped by a legal injunction which declared that his name could not be put in nomination. That being so, he called his wife to the rescue, and she was willing enough.

The election was, as they say, a scream. Texas belongs to the Solid South and is all Democratic. The fights therefore take place within the one party, and Mrs. Ferguson's only serious opponent was the nominee of the Ku Klux Klan. "Ma" had no political weapons, but since in Texas they fight about Mother and Home, Church and Drink, she was easily a match for the Klan champion "Me for Ma" was the badge worn by her adherents. "Not Me for Ma—too much Ma," her enemies retorted. And, as Texas was soon to discover, her enemies were abundantly justified.

Pie and Plums.

No sooner was the Governor installed than it was seen that "Farmer Jim" was again in the saddle. Of course he was, said Ma. She was the best pie-maker in her country, and a grandmother; but that did not make her a statesman, and she had always depended upon Jim. The couple had been in charge of the Government of Texas only a few months when the rumours of malpractices took shape in definite accusations. A public fund was raised to finance an investigation into the Ferguson regime. Ma, who possesses at least one valuable gift—that of snappy phrasing—said, that they were attacking under cover of an inquiry into foot-and-mouth disease, but "it is my foot, my mouth, my eradication!"

The spearhead of the attack was Dan Moody, Attorney-General of the State, whom Ma had looked upon as one of Jim's special proteges. His researches brought to light a series of astounding scandals, particularly in the department of road-building. A most lavish programme was started, the contracts being handed out by Farmer Jim in the name of the State Executive on a fantastic scale. Thus it was shown that one company secured a contract to make 1,050 miles of highway for four million dollars. It built 427 miles, made a profit of a million, and when the facts had been exposed was made to return 600,000 dollars to the State Exchequer. It was further shown that road contracts to the tune of 20 million dollars had been given out on terms that represented a cost to the people of Texas some four times greater than was necessary. The exposure was astonishingly successful, and humiliating; and those who know anything of American politics will not be surprised to learn that it

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF PORTUGUESE RESIDENT.

FUNERAL TO-MORROW.

The "China Mail" records with regret the death of a well-known Portuguese resident, Mr. I. F. da Rocha, who passed away at the age of 50, at his residence, No. 2, Mosque Street.

Born and bred in the Colony, Mr. da Rocha was very popular. He has three brothers, Mr. J. M. da Rocha, (principal of Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co., importers and exporters), Mr. A. G. da Rocha (of Messrs. Rocha & Whitley, auctioneers) and Mr. A. J. C. da Rocha who is employed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Mr. da Rocha leaves a grown-up son, Mr. F. X. da Rocha and a widow.

Deep sympathy will go out to the family and relatives in their bereavement.

The funeral takes to-morrow, the corpse passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

FEARED TRAGEDY.

PATROL LAUNCH COMMANDER MISSING.

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 11.

News has been received locally of the suspected death under tragic circumstances of Mr. W. Clarke, commander of the launch "Pikot."

It appears that the "Pikot" on the night of Feb. 9 while patrolling near Sungai Sarang Bunya saw a boat with rubber smugglers. She gave chase and the boat proceeded up the Sungai.

The crew in the launch got into a scuffle and followed.

The night was dark and the sampan somehow capsized. All got ashore safely, except Mr. Clarke. A search was made by police and customs officials, but no trace was found of the missing commander.

Mrs. Clarke resides in Singapore.

A PARIS CHARGE OF FRAUD.

Paris, Jan. 18.

Claiming to be an ambassador's daughter, a woman living under the name of Madeleine Badet was arrested recently for getting goods from fashionable shops by false pretences. The police discovered that she was identical with Madeleine Badet, who had been previously arrested in Morocco on account of a false passport, and had since been shadowed as a possible spy. She was seen collecting letters at a post office, and tried to tear them up.

REVISED FREIGHT RATES.

London, Feb. 1.

The revised freight rates to India are commencing to-day. It is understood that the increases from Great Britain are on the basis of 2s. 6d. a ton for measurement cargo up to 30s., and on the basis of 5s. a ton where the rates are 30s. to 55s. beyond which there will be no alteration.

TORNADO DISASTER.

Shreveport, La., Feb. 18.

A tornado has swept Paris and Sabine. Ten people were killed and 20 injured. Houses and barns were wrecked in a 20 mile area.—Reuter's American Service.

MORE RAIN?

Moderate N. E. winds, overcast, rain—is the official weather forecast till noon tomorrow for Hong Kong, the adjoining coast and Formosa Channel.

made the political fortune of Mr. Dan Moody. Ma predicted that it would. It is he who takes over the Governorship from her.

Pardons For Bootleggers.

Ma Ferguson goes out in a blaze of excitement caused by the shower of pardons in which she has indulged. This was not a late development. She began pardoning early in her first year, convicted bootleggers being the special object of her tenderness. The point here is a little puzzling, for Ma is a Dry, and one of those Drys who contend that the offenders against Prohibition are all well-to-do. Indeed, she caused an uproar by offering a reward of \$500 to any one who could bring in a violator of the Volstead Law worth less than \$5,000! Anyhow, the wholesale pardons have been Ma's speciality.

"ADYAR" DAY.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATION.

"SERVANTS OF THE LIGHT."

At this week's public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, on Thursday, its annual "Adyar Day" was celebrated in honour of two great Servants of the Light, Giordano Bruno and Bishop C. W. Leadbeater.

Mr. John Russell, as chairman, addressed the meeting on the great significance of the day, February 17, which, he said, was celebrated all over the world by Theosophical Society Lodges.

He also dwelt in loving thought on Adyar, the international headquarters and spiritual heart of the Theosophical Society and many other pioneer movements which are remoulding the world to-day towards a nobler and happier understanding of the purpose and meaning of Life and of the nature of Man and God; and which lead it towards realisation of the glorious destiny of Humanity.

Programme of Music.

He concluded with a quiet meditation on the high ideals of the "T.S." and the audience was much delighted by an exquisite programme of music and singing rendered by Madame and Madeleine de Couillard.

The meeting concluded with an address by Mr. H. E. Lanepart on "Giordano Bruno, Theosophy's Apostle in the 16th Century."

BOY GAMBLERS.

SCHOOLS AS "BOOKMAKERS' BAND OF HOPE."

Among statements made at meetings of various educational bodies at Home were:

The schools of to-day are, to a large extent, the bookmakers' band of hope. Mr. Isaac Foot (member of the recent select committee on the Betting Tax), at the Educational Association conference at University College, London, referring to boys who form the habit of gambling.

I have met many schoolmasters and school-mistresses who thought we could live in a world carried on by talking and writing.—Lord Riddell, at the same conference.

There are 9,926 supplementary teachers whose qualification is that they are 18 and vaccinated.

Miss Kenyon (of Oldham), at the National Union of Women Teachers' conference at York.

CURE FOR DRUG HABIT.

SUCCESSFUL TESTS IN NEW YORK.

A new cure for drug and alcohol addicts, tried on some 360 cases in the hospital department of a New York prison, has succeeded in every case but one—that of a negro who was declared to have taken to drugs again not because of any craving, but because of the pleasure they gave her.

The new cure avoids difficulties, such as delirium and depression, which accompany other cures, abates serious illness, and almost at once begins to produce regular sleep; about the third or fifth day the appetite returns and in less than a week the physical craving has disappeared.

Tests in Prison.

The tests began in June, 1925, when 14 men volunteers were treated. The physicians soon declared that the men showed no evidence of previous addiction and wider tests began in the following October.

Drs. Alexander Lambert and Frederick Tilney now report that 219 men and 147 women have been treated. All were in prison, having either been sentenced or sent to the prison hospital by friends. Many of these were sleeping normally in 24 hours, though some were addicts of 30 or 40 years. The patients received such immediate relief that many asked for extra treatment and all were restored to a normal condition in about three weeks.

Treatment Explained.

The treatment consists in stopping all narcotics and making infra-muscular injections and narcotics. This substance was invented by A. S. Horowitz, biochemist, who came from the University of Budapest ten years ago. It is made from soy beans, cotton seed, alfalfa, and is a compound of lipoids, vitamins and proteins.

The theory may be questioned, but the results are a fact, though real permanency can only be ascertained some 18 months hence.

Narcosis has been known since 1921 but not officially recognised, because its composition was unknown. Since then it has been patented and thus used as a patent medicine. The treatment is only possible in hospitals.

"HIS JAZZ BRIDE."

MARIE PREVOST & LOW CUT GOWNS.

LOYAL TO MASSAGE.

Paris having directed that evening gowns shall be cut extremely low in the back, the woman who is fortunate enough to possess a naturally beautiful back has no need to worry, says Miss Marie Prevost, the pretty star of "His Jazz Bride," the Warner Bros. picture being shown to-day at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon.

"Unfortunately, those are in the minority and the majority will follow the mode."

"I am thoroughly loyal to massage for the benefit of both muscles and skin."

Other Methods As Well.

"This should be indulged with the daily bath and applied either with a rubber sponge, or if the skin is too sensitive for daily treatment of this kind, with the natural sponge applied with extraordinary vigour."

"Care should be taken to use a soap containing considerable pure oil, so as to eliminate any possibility of after roughness. There are other effective methods for preserving the beauty of the back but the main idea in all of them is to stimulate the circulation and thereby build up the tissues of firmness and smoothness."

EAT FAT.

A MEDICAL OFFICER AND TUBERCULOSIS.

"Do you eat fat or not?" It was by putting this question to members of families that were known to stand a big risk of infection from tuberculosis that Mr. W. B. Vaile, M.R.C.S., the medical officer to the Church Army Sanatorium for Boys at Heath-end, Aldershot, arrived at the conclusion which he expresses in an article in the current issue of the "Lancet," that "when several persons are equally exposed to infection, those who habitually eat animal fat will probably escape, while those who avoid animal fat may escape but probably will not."

Seven years ago Mr. Vaile began to investigate the incidence of pulmonary tuberculosis in families exposed to infection, trying to find the principle of selection with a view to the prevention of the disease. He chose large families dwelling in small houses for the purposes of his observations, arguing that by so doing he would avoid freak results, and at the same time ensure fairly equal exposure of each member. After some passage of time he examined the health of the various members of each family, and sought to find some common factor which all or most of the uninfected possessed and all or most of the infected lacked. "Nothing," he writes, "was of general application until I began to ask the very simple question, 'Do you eat fat or not?' I found that most of the survivors had always done so, while the great bulk of the infected, the dead, and the dying had had a lifelong dislike for fat, and had avoided it as far as possible all their lives. It must be understood that it is a tendency only, although there is no absolute immunity. The fat-shy are not necessarily doomed, but the probability is always in that direction, and in the long run probabilities will tell."

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MILITARY COMMAND IN HONG KONG.

GENERAL'S DESIGNATION.

London, Jan. 20.

An Army order issued on Jan. 13 states that the China Command has been organised as two separate commands—namely, the South China Command, with headquarters at Hong Kong, and the North China Command, with headquarters at Tientsin.

This change, which took effect as from September last, reverts to the organisation which existed before 1914.

The G.O.C. South China Command is Major-General C. C. Luard, and the O.C. North China Command, Colonel Heath.

According to the December Army List there is a regular infantry battalion in each command, while there are four heavy batteries of artillery at Hong Kong in addition to the Hong Kong-Singapore brigade, consisting of one pack battery and three heavy batteries.—China Express & Telegraph.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

February 19—Queen's Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

February 19—World Theatre: "The Texas Streak."

February 19—Star Theatre: "His Jazz Bride."

February 19—H.M.S. "Hermes" dance at Hotel Savoy.

February 23 & 24—Theatre Royal, Dance display by Miss Violet Capelli's pupils, 5.15 p.m.

February 26—Dancing performance at Theatre Royal, by Miss V. Capelli's pupils, 9.15 p.m.

February 26—Smoking concert for members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.

March 2—Special race week dinner dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

March 3—Annual "At Home" of U.S.R.C. Club's ground, Kowloon.

March 12—Dance at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

February 28—Annual Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

March 6—Next Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

March 14—Kowloon Cricket Club tennis tournament.

Meetings.

February 21—Seventh meeting of Kowloon Residents' Assoc., St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6 p.m.

February 23—Benevolent Society Meeting, City Hall, noon.

February 24—Fortieth meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, noon.

February 25—Postponed meeting of Victoria Recreation Club takes place at 6 p.m. at the Club.

February 26—Annual meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 26—Eighth meeting of The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10 Des Voeux Rd., Ctl., 3.30 p.m.

March 4—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., 11 a.m.

March 5—Thirty-eighth meeting of Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

March 7—Annual Meeting of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, noon.

Lammerts' Auction.

February 21—At Sales Room, Duddell St., Chinese Curios, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

February 20—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, after evensong.

February 21—Public lecture at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 25—Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

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A writ, alleging libel, has been
issued against the "Daily Ex-
press" by Mr. P. Mitchell-Hedges,
the explorer, who was attacked
and robbed recently by a gang
who afterwards admitted that the
affair was a hoax.

A further attempt to rob
the Treasury of St. Peter's was
made by thieves, who, however,
fled on being disturbed by the
Carabinieri. The latter fired
several shots with their revolvers
as the robbers ran away.

A ten-rupee currency note
signed by the M.C.C. team was
auctioned immediately after the
last race at the Guindy race-
course, Madras, on January 29,
and fetched Rs. 495. The pro-
ceeds were devoted to the funds
of St. George's Home, Kaiti.

An accident attended the fir-
ing of blank rounds by the
Macao-Kongmoon tow-boat in
honour of China New Year. The
obscene muzzle-loader cannon
was used and one of these ex-
ploded, wounding two of the gun-
crews seriously.—Pakkai corres-
pondent.

Mr. J. Ray, a European, of
Ipoh, was charged with criminal
breach of trust in respect of a
motor cycle, before Mr. P. A. F.
David, the District Judge, Singa-
pore. The accused was arrested
by detectives on the "City of
Palermo" bound for Australia. A
postponement of two days was
ordered.

Miss Violet Capell and her
dancing pupils are holding a dress
rehearsal this afternoon at the
Theatre Royal in preparation for
their annual display. The display
is being staged on a much bigger
scale than last year, and is under
the patronage of H.B. the Governor
and Lady Clementi. Part of the
proceeds will be devoted to the
London Hospital.

The report of the Hong Kong
Benevolent Society shows a three-
fold increase in application for re-
lief on any previous year's working
and it is feared that the current
year will bring even a heavier call.
It is therefore hoped that the
Society, which holds its annual
meeting in its rooms at the City
Hall on February 25 will receive
increased support to enable it to
meet the growing needs. The Hon.
Secretary (Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Tele-
phone 8, 1471) and members of
Committee attend at the City Hall
on Mondays and Thursdays between
11 and 12 to interview cases and
receive gifts of clothing, used or
unused, etc.

A resume of the report of the
China Indemnity Fund Advisory
Committee, issued by H. M. Leg-
ation, Peking, has been received
from the Consul-General in Canton.

There are now over 140,000
members of the Ancient Order
of Frothblowers, and a further
25,000 applications are being
dealt with.

The property intended to be
occupied by the Chung Kwok Res-
taurant (Inland Lot No. 834) was
put up for sale at the China Auc-
tion Rooms yesterday. No bids
were received when the sale opened
at \$450,000 and the property was
withdrawn.

Kowloon residents who have
not yet received a copy of the
K.R.A. Annual report for 1926 and
who desire to have one, can obtain
same either from the Hon. Treasur-
er, in Chamber Road, or at the Star
Ferry Ticket Office on the Pier at
Kowloon, where membership forms
can also be had.

The death occurred at No. 6,
Austin Avenue, Kowloon, yesterday
of Mrs. Telindia Remedios Gomes,
the wife of Mr. Francisco T. Gomes,
of Kowloon Dock. Mr. Gomes
brother, of the Mercantile Bank,
died recently. The funeral of Mrs.
Gomes takes place today, the
casket passing the Monument at
5 p.m.

There are over 700 schools in
the Sunning (Toishan) district,
near Kongmoon. The Toishan
College, which was completed be-
fore the "strike" was settled, is
even bigger than the Hong Kong
University and is very imposing
in appearance.—Pakkai corres-
pondent.

With a pleasingly varied pro-
gramme, the first of the recitals on
the newly reconditioned St. John's
Cathedral organ was given yester-
day by Mr. Frederick Mason,
A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L. when, despite the
inclement weather, there was a fair
attendance. The full power of the
organ was brought out by this well-
known and talented organist. A
further recital is to be held there
on Friday next at 5.45 p.m.

At the Magistracy yesterday,
before Mr. W. Schofield, an inquest
was held on Wong Hong, a patient
at the Tung Wah Hospital, who
jumped over the verandah of No. 3
ward on January 13 of this year,
and died of a fractured skull. The
jury comprised Messrs:—A. H.
Carroll (foreman), R. M. Omar,
E. Grosman. The verdict was—
Accidental death with no blame at-
tached to any one. Recommended
that all verandahs should be safe-
guarded by iron bars to prevent
feverish patients from falling over.

From New York, it is an-
nounced that the Baltimore mer-
chant, Mr. Jacob Epstein, has
purchased the famous painting
"Rinaldo Armida," from the
Duke of Newcastle's collection.
The price is said to be \$50,000.

A Liverpool company is
opening a 50-acre, coursing
ground to accommodate 50,000
spectators and 750 motor cars.
On this ground electric hares will
be coursed for record stakes. The
Greyhound Derby and the Grand
National, which will be held at
Easter will each carry £1,500.

Speaking at a banquet to the
retiring Lieutenant-Governor of
Ontario (Colonel H. Cockshutt),
the Premier (Mr. G. H. Fergus-
son) advocated the lifting of the
ban against the granting of
titles to Canadians. He hoped
that the Ottawa Government
would see "The defect whereby
Canadians were ineligible for
Royal honours" would be re-
mediated.

Ceylon traffic has increased
during the last twelve months to
an extent, or even greater, an ex-
tent as that of Singapore. On
December 31 last year 14,947 cars
were registered in Ceylon, an
increase of over three thousand
for the year. The increase in
traffic has been accompanied by
an increase in motor-car acci-
dents, for in 1926 there were 996
against 747 in the preceding
year.

Says the New York "Na-
tion": Riches are going out
in Japan—the motor age is com-
ing in. Ten years ago in Japan
113,904 of these two-wheeled,
man-power gigs were licensed;
today fewer than 85,000. In
Osaka, the greatest industrial
city, the number has been almost
cut in half. Horse-drawn carts
just hold their own, but the
motor vehicle is coming with a
rush. Ten years ago there were
24 motor trucks in all Japan. To-
day there are more than 6,000;
the number of pleasure cars has
leaped from 681 to 15,000. Inter-
city buses have already appeared
on Japanese roads. Thus the
Orient sweeps into the mechan-
ical age. It was only fifty years
ago that the first riches appear-
ed, its jog-trot speed destined to
drive out the slow walk of the
sedan chairs, kago, and
rōrimona; now a running man is
already too slow.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

As a result of his car skidding
and overturning on an ice-covered
road at Hove, Viscount Curzon
has been admitted to hospital,
suffering from a dislocated shoul-
der, and severe shock.

Mrs. Gilbert Reid and her son
John Gilbert Reid have arrived in
Shanghai from Peking and are
living in their old home in the
French Concession. Mr. Reid
has served three years on the
"Peking Leader" and acted for
two years as correspondent of the
London "Express." They arrived
just as Dr. Gilbert Reid re-
turned to the hospital for a
slight operation.

The following deaths were an-
nounced at Home in mail week:—
Mr. Henry Barry Blagrove, a
member of an old Berkshire
family and formerly a racehorse
owner, at Reading, aged 78; Mr.
Hugh Campbell, a director of the
Scottish Co-operative Wholesale
Society, in a London nursing
home; Mr. John Alfred Longden,
for many years associated with
the coal and iron industries in
the Midlands, a past-president of
the National Association of Mining
Engineers; at Bournemouth; and
Mrs. Trevor Bigham, wife of the
Hon. Trevor Bigham, Assistant
Commissioner of the Metro-
politan Police.

It is stated in Dublin that the
will of the late Earl of Dunraven
has been admitted to probate, his
estate in England being valued at
£712,798 and his estate in the
Free State at £55,308, making a
total of £768,106. Among
legacies are £10,000 to his
daughter, Lady Ardee, and the
same amount to his son-in-law,
the Knight of Glin; £20,000 to
his grandson, Desmond Fitz-
gerald; and £10,000 to Mrs.
Blennerhassett, wife of Arthur
Blennerhassett. Mrs. Blenner-
hassett is also to receive, Kenry
House and lands at Putney Vale
and his house at 22, Norfolk
Street, Park Lane, London. Dun-
raven Castle is left to Colonel
Wyndham Quin or, if he should
predecease the testator, to Cap-
tain Wyndham Quin.

Dr. Thomas Clave Shaw, the
eminent physician, has died at
Claremont Lodge, Cheltenham,
aged 81.

Another dance is being given
by H.M. "Hermes" at the Hotel
Savoy this evening, commencing
at 8.30 p.m.

The Earl of Stair has been ap-
pointed Lord High Commissioner
of the Church of Scotland in suc-
cession to the Earl of Elgin,
states a British wireless message
received from Rugby this morn-
ing.

According to a British wireless
message received from Rugby to-
day, the King has approved the
appointment of Lady Maud
Hoare, who accompanied Sir
Samuel Hoare on his flight to
India, to be Dame Commander of
the Order of the British Empire.

The Duchess of York will have
many opportunities while aboard
the "Renown" for indulging her
hobby of rifle shooting, in which
she is adept. Her skill was amply
proved during their Royal High-
nesses' tour of Kenya in 1925.
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a miniature rifle range.

A. E. Abrahams, who com-
menced business as a billposter,
with a barrow and an assistant,
has sold his business for £250,
000. He has entered into con-
tracts to purchase 11 London
music halls for \$1,000,000, and it
is expected that he will convert
many of these into cinemas.

Miss Isabel MacDonald, eldest
daughter of Mr. Ramsay Mac-
Donald, who was called upon to
act as hostess at 10, Downing
Street when her father became
Prime Minister, thus interrupt-
ing her studies, has become a
student again. She has taken up
classes at the Polytechnic, Regent
Street, and intends to go forward
to the London University. She is
the youngest girl to have achiev-
ed the distinction of hostess to a
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Hongkong, April 1, 1924.

By four votes the Scottish I.L.P. Conference rejected a resolution expressing disapproval of Mr. MacDonald's recent utterances on the political and industrial situation, and suggesting that the time was opportune for a change in the leadership of the Parliamentary Labour party. Mr. A. Livingstone, who opposed the resolution, declared that there was never more need to defend the Constitution than now, when Labour was on the eve of power, and wanted to use the Constitution to its utmost limits.

In trying to make a forced landing, a de Havilland aeroplane, piloted by Mr. Roland Ernest Watson, struck a post and overturned on the South Metropolitan Gas Works Sports Ground at Horn Lane, East Greenwich. The pilot was not injured.

Whatever the faults of the Government might be, Mr. Baldwin said in a speech at Bewdley, it had done more in its time to redeem its election pledges than any Government which was in his recollection. At the next election there would be a strenuous opposition in Bewdley from Labour, and, indeed, were it otherwise it would hardly be fair, because there would be very few Labour men returned to Parliament who would not have to fight a Tory before getting there. Dealing with the results of last year's leadership of industrial labour, the Prime Minister stated that many people had said that Labour did not have a square deal from him, but it was, he thought, a far more serious thing that Labour did not get a square deal from its own leaders.

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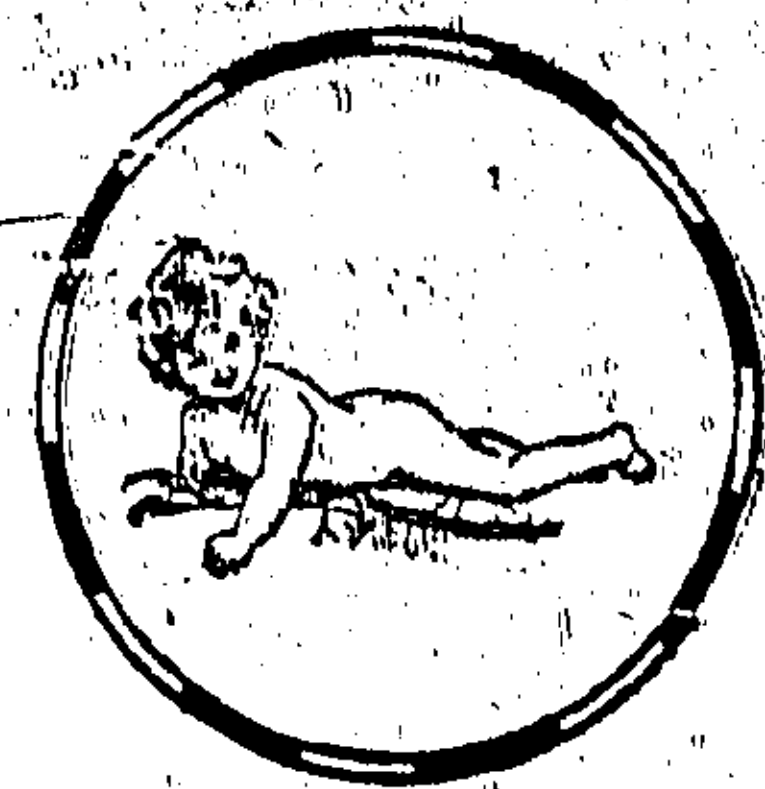
Madrid.—A murder committed in a village, near Vigo, followed on a dispute over the tiny sum of 5 centimos, i.e., less than a half penny. A man went into an inn and ordered a glass of wine, the charge for which was 35 centimos (3½d). After drinking it he found he had only 30 centimos (3d) in his pocket, and attempted to leave without promising to make up the amount. The innkeeper ran after him and plunged a knife into his



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20		
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21		
Manila	21	Pres. Jefferson.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	22	Pres. Lincoln.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20		
Swatow & Bangkok	20	Kiangsu.
Shanghai	20	Szechuen.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21		
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	21	Kailo Maru.
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Letters 1 p.m.	21	Namsang.
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Bangkok	21	Kingyuan.
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Letters (22nd) 9 a.m.	21	FEBRUARY 22
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 21st March & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only). Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	22	Shinyo Maru.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	22	Hai Ning.
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Amoy	22	Soochow.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23		
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 7th March. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.	23	Mishima Maru.

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HANKOW TERMS.

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Shanghai Danger.

London, Feb. 18.
"We are taking the risk of trusting the Chinese to carry out their part of the bargain," declared Mr. Amery in a speech at Hackney, but this only showed the pacific policy of the British Government and its desire for peace and prosperity with China, as with the rest of the world.

Referring to the labour motion against sending troops to Shanghai, Mr. Amery said that within the past forty-eight hours they had learned that the Southerners with Russian machine gun instructors and advisers, had heavily defeated the army opposed to them and at any time the rubble of defeated men and the victorious and elated troops might be pouring toward centres built up by British enterprise not only for the benefit of the British, but for hundreds of thousands of Chinese. He declared that it was almost certain, without steps being taken by the British Government, there would be looting, plundering and a massacre at Shanghai.—Reuter.

Fresh Instructions.

London, Feb. 18.
The Cabinet meeting last night considered the China situation and particularly the Hankow negotiations in the light of telegrams received from Mr. O'Malley, and the comments thereon from the British Minister in Peking. Fresh instructions requested by Mr. O'Malley were sent following the receipt of information on the fighting proceeding between the rival Chinese forces in conflict.

Dramatic Changes.

In a speech last night the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, referred to the Chinese military situation as reported within the past forty-eight hours. He said at any moment a rabble of defeated men and of victorious troops might be pouring towards Shanghai where but for steps taken by the British Government there would be looting and plundering and possibly bloodshed. It was not going to happen, because British troops had landed and because the Government seeing danger ahead had decided just in time to send troops for the purpose of protecting lives and property of the great British community there. What had been done had been only for the security of our own people in the settlements they had built. There was no intention on the part of the Government to interfere in the Chinese war or to use troops for the purpose of territorial aggression, but they certainly were not going to leave any British subjects to the mercy of mobs.—Reuter.

Y.M.C.A. Workers.

London, Feb. 18.
The Y.M.C.A. announces that at General Duncan's request they are sending out two secretaries to work with the Shanghai Defence Corps. The Association is confident of getting plenty of help in the British colony and also from missionaries. Among the volunteers to go as workers, was a retired admiral.—Reuter.

Hankow Refugees.

Marseilles, Feb. 18.
A number of English women from Hankow have arrived on the steamer "Angers".—Reuter.

Troopship's Voyage.

Port Said, Feb. 18.
The troopship "Bellerophon" has arrived and is leaving for China after coaling.—Reuter.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance—Ordinance No. 11 of 1926.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to wireless telegraphy.

His Excellency the Governor has made the following appointments in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from February 15:—Henry Edmund Standage, O.B.E., to be Major; Thomas Graham Wraith, to be Lieutenant; Frank Seymour Harrison, to be Lieutenant; and Arthur Henry Gillingham, to be Lieutenant.

NOTABLE CAREER.

VETERAN SOCIAL REFORMER'S DEATH.

New York, Feb. 18.
The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Elbridge Gerry, the veteran lawyer and social reformer.—Reuter.

Born in New York in 1837, a grandson of Elbridge Gerry, a Vice-President of the United States and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Mr. Gerry was admitted to the bar in 1860. He was actively identified with movements to prevent cruelty, being Chairman (1888-8) of the New York State Commission on Capital Punishment which substituted electrocution for hanging; President (1876-01) of the New York Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Vice-President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals until 1899. Mr. Gerry also held several other public positions and wrote on the movements in which he was interested.

HOME AGAIN.

London, Feb. 18.
After a 5,500 miles air trip to India, Sir Samuel Hoare reached London last night. Fog prevented the flight from Paris and the Channel was crossed by steamer. Apart from this alteration of plans and despite vicissitudes of weather, including dust, snow and rain storms, fog and desert headwinds, the schedule of flight had been kept without having a forced landing, delay or breakdown and with no need to use a single spare part of any sort for the repair of the aeroplane or any of its three engines.

Sir Samuel Hoare paid a warm tribute to the pilot and navigator. He added that he had always regarded the setting up of an air route to India as a stage on the route to Australia and New Zealand.—British Wireless.

THE DUKE OF YORK.

London, Feb. 18.
The Governor of Fiji and the local officials formally welcomed the Duke and Duchess of York on their arrival yesterday, and later the Royal visitors attended a spectacular native reception. The presentation of a tooth of a sperm whale by the nominal Chiefs of the Fijians was followed by native women's ceremonial of welcome.—British Wireless Service.

TURKEY AND AMERICA.

Constantinople, Feb. 18.
An agreement has been signed prolonging the existing provisional relations between Turkey and America for a year. This is the outcome of recent negotiations between Admiral Bristol and the Turkish Government.—Reuter.

FLIGHT TO BRAZIL.

Dakar, Feb. 18.
The Marquis de Pinedo, the Italian aviator who is flying to Brazil, arrived here from Bolama, Portuguese Guinea, leaving later for Port Praia, Cape Verde Islands.—Reuter.

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The Rev. T. Horace Johnston is to officiate.

Because she had a quarrel with her husband, a Chinese woman of Shamshuipo is alleged to have attempted suicide by strangling herself with a cloth tied around her neck. She was admitted to hospital yesterday.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, KOWLOON, on MONDAY, 21st February, 1927, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS: Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year 1926. Election of Officers and Committee for 1927.

Any other business. The presence at the meeting of all interested in the welfare of Kowloon is solicited and expected, whether they are members of the Association or not.

F. W. STAPLETON, Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 16, 1927.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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Holy Communion (8 a.m.)

Children's Service (10 a.m.)

Matins (11 a.m.)

Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

Holy Communion (12 noon).

Evangelism (6 p.m.) Preacher: Rev. G. F. Stopford, C.F.

A social gathering will be held in the Cathedral Hall after Evensong. A cordial welcome will be extended to all service men and others. Music. Light Refreshments. Tuesday, 6 p.m. C. E. M. S. address by the Rev. W. W. Rogers on the Old Testament. Friday 4.45 p.m. Organ Recital by Mr. Rupert Baldwin A.T.C.L.

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